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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, IZ, FR  
SUBJECT: FRENCH MILITARY SALES TO IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 1155

1. FRENCH CHARGE TELLS ME THAT AGREEMENT TO SELL 72  
MIRAGE FIGHTERS TO IRAQ HAS ENTERED INTO FORCE, AND IRAQ  
HAS MADE INITIAL PROGRESS PAYMENTS. FIRST DELIVERIES MUST  
TAKE PLACE WITHIN TWO YEARS, AND HALF OF THE AIRCRAFT ARE  
TO BE DELIVERED WITHIN 32 MONTHS. CHARGE SAID THAT  
DASSAULT WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM MEETING PRODUCTION  
SCHEDULE. TRAINING OF IRAQI PILOTS AND GROUND PERSONNEL  
WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT, HOWEVER, AND HE FORESEES STRONG  
POSSIBILITY OF DELAYS IN COMPLETING THIS PART OF PACKAGE  
DEAL.

2. CHARGE SAID THAT FRENCH HAVE ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE  
INTEGRATED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. THIS DEAL, TOGETHER WITH  
MIRAGE SALE, WOULD MEAN THAT FRANCE HAS EFFECTIVELY  
SUPPLANTED SOVIET UNION AS SUPPLIER OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY  
TO IRAQI AIR FORCE AND AIR DEFENSE FORCES.

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3. RE FRENCH SALES TO IRAQI GROUND FORCES, CHARGE SAID  
THAT WHILE THIS INVOLVED SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT  
GOF HAD NO ILLUSIONS THAT IT COULD CUT DEEPLY INTO  
SOVIET PREDOMINANCE IN SUPPLY TO IRAQI ARMY.  
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